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DARK AND DISCOURAGING OUTLOOK.

The news that the French Government has sanctioned the raising of another loan for the completion of the railway from Tonkin into Yunnan arouses no joy in Indo-China, where the cost of the line promises to be a heavy burden on Colonial finances. The loss of life on the construction work has also been terrible. The *Asien du Tonkin* gives particulars of how it stood with the line last month. The undertaking was set on foot by M. Doumer, a former Governor-General of Indo-China, for political reasons—to strengthen French influence in Yunnan—but it is now carried on mainly for commercial purposes.

The rails had then almost reached the town of Mengtze on the edge of the high table land which stretches into the interior of the province. The most difficult section of the line has just been bridged over and laying the rails from Mengtze to the capital of the province will be a comparatively easy task. From the frontier town of Lachay to the capital the distance is 485 kilometres (290 miles). The number of tunnels required for the whole distance is set at about 140, so mountainous is the country traversed.

VALLEY OF DEATH.

The hardest task of all was that of laying the rails up the valley of the Nam-ti-River, a fever-stricken tract with a climate so deadly that the country is almost without inhabitants.

This fatal valley has swallowed up millions of treasure, and multitudes of human lives. The number of coolies who perished there in laying down the rails is set at forty thousand.

The people on the table-land have a deadly fear of this valley. Neither reward nor high pay can tempt them to set foot there. Labourers had to be recruited from distant parts. Coolies from North China could not stand the valley of death. Only Canton Chinese and low country Tonkinese could be found to leave the climate.

The superintending staff—almost all of them Italians—stood the climate well and made high profits—estimated so far at 30 millions of francs. Very few Frenchmen are employed on the line.

Leaving the inhabited section of Tonkin at Yen-be, the line runs to Mengtze over a distance of 300 kilometres (180 miles) through a country which is a wilderness and will ever remain so—being unhealthy and barren.

LARGE OUTLAY.

What about the cost? At the outset, the outlay was set at 84 millions francs. The estimate now stands at 165 millions which can only be met by Indo-China raising a loan. The finishing of the line out of this amount may cost 65 millions of francs, some say that the total cost may figure out at 180 millions! But the traffic when once Yunnan is opened is expected to yield profitable returns.

The Opinion points out that people in the know say that the line will never pay unless it be extended from the capital of Yunnan into the rich province of Szechuen. But, so anti-foreign is the Chinese Government now, that the French company which constructs the railway will never be allowed to extend the line from the capital to Yunnan. Most business men in Tonkin frankly say that, if the railway stops at the capital, its upkeep will be a very heavy burden indeed—even though the French Government should shoulder it all. The outlook is the least cheerful of the Chinese Government buying up the railway, of which there was once a prospect. Whatever may be the mistakes of the past they cannot be helped now. The French Government will have to see the matter through. *Graphic Times.*

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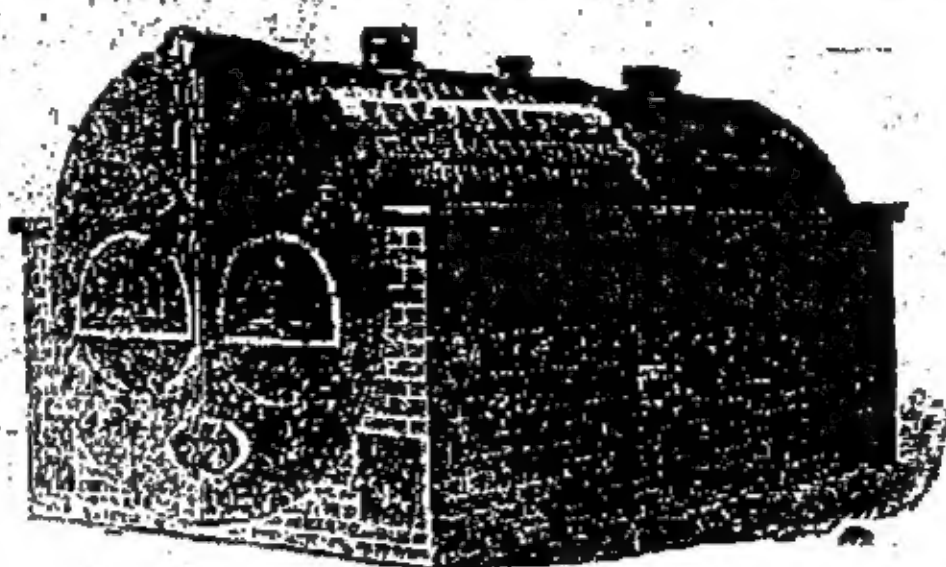
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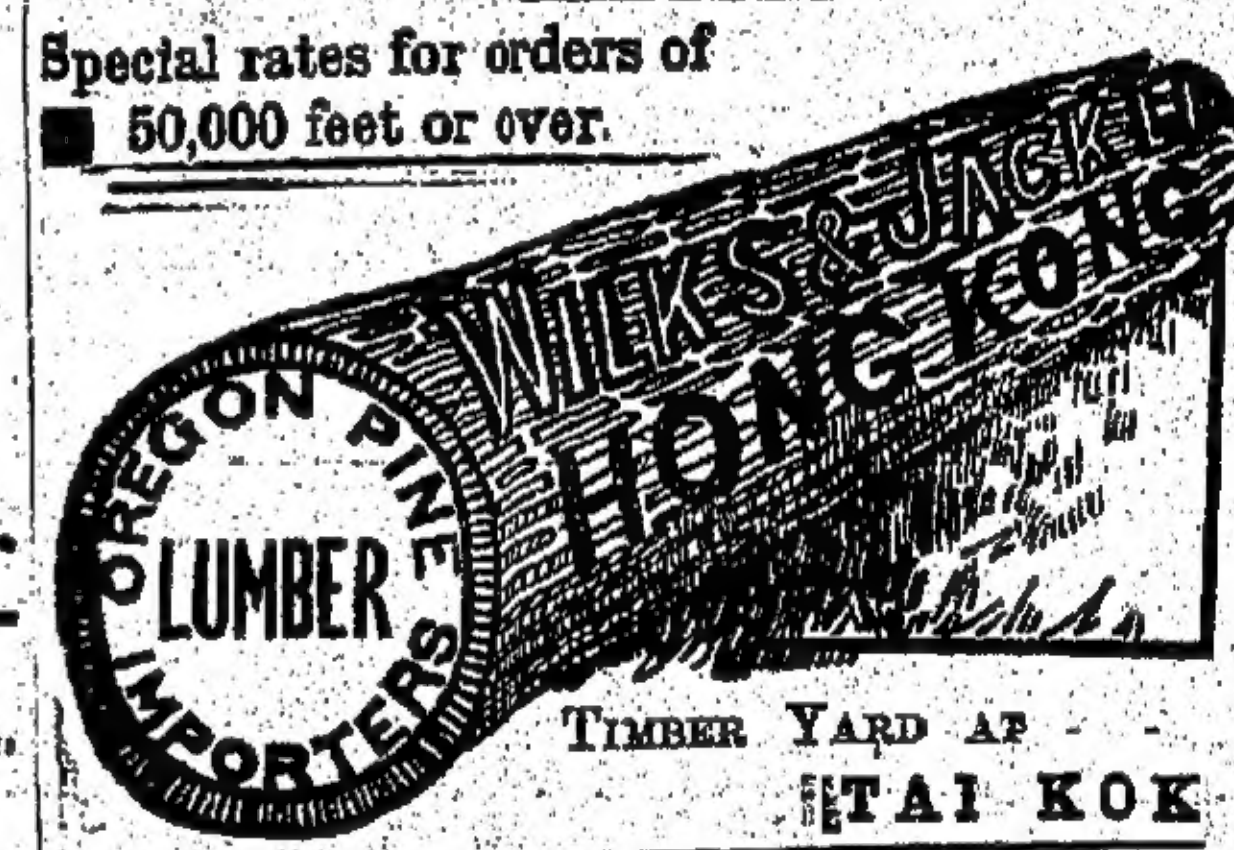
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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

EDINBURGH, February 19.

Mr. Thomas Shaw, M.P., has been pro-
moted from the position of Lord Advocate
to that of Lord of Appeal in the House of
Lords, in room of Lord Robertson of
Forteveit, deceased. During his career he
has been a consistent and militant
Radical. He was one of the bitterest op-
ponents of the South African War; he is
an out-and-out Home Ruler; and he is a
strong supporter of land law and liquor
law reform. His appointment has caused
some bitterness in high legal and other
quarters, Mr. Asquith having abandoned
precedent in not giving the first offer
of the Lordship of Appeal to the head
of the Court of Session, Lord Dunedin. It
is one of the ironies of political fate that,
following Mr. Sinclair at an interval of a
few hours, he now finds the culmination of
his career in a Chamber which he has spent
all his life in denouncing.

It is expected that Mr. Shaw will be
known as Lord Shaw of Dunfermline, the
town of his birth and education.

The Right Hon. John Sinclair, Secretary
for Scotland, has taken the title of Baron
Pentland of Lyth on his elevation to the
peerage. He belongs to the family of the
Sinclairs of Dunblath, which is a cadet
branch of the Earls of Caithness; but the
title of Baron Sinclair being always held by
another branch of the family, the new
peer has chosen his title from the Sinclair
territory. Lyth is a village in the parish
of Bower, near Wick, and the Pentland
Firth, of course, washes the shores of the
county of Caithness.

Mr. Ure, the present Solicitor-General,
has received the vacant Lord Advocateship.
Unlike Mr. Shaw, who only came into
prominence in the Courts after he gained a
seat in Parliament, Mr. Ure has always
enjoyed a large practice. He is a man of
great energy, and his friends say that he
has a singular mental resemblance to Lord
Morley of Blackburn. His father was at
one time a Lord Provost of Glasgow.

Lord Kinnaird will again represent His
Majesty as Lord High Commissioner to the
General Assembly of the Church of Scot-
land. He is a leading spirit in two
organisations which are at once, though
erroneously, thought to be antagonistic;—
the Young Men's Christian Association and
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The Scottish Society Divorce.

The Stirling Divorce case has dragged its
weary and unenviable length through the
Court of Session for nearly a month. The
parties are Mrs. Clara Elizabeth Taylor, or
Stirling, an American, and formerly an
actress, and Mr. John Alexander Stirling,
late Lieutenant in the 3rd Batt. Scots
Guards and the proprietor of the estate of
Kippendavie, Dunblane, Perthshire. Each
brought an action, and on the one side
Lord Northland, the eldest son of the Earl
of Ranfurly, was introduced, and on the
other Mrs. Abercrombie, the divorced wife of
Colonel Abercrombie, formerly a Society
boast. Fifteen Court days were occupied
in the hearing of the evidence, and other
two or three days with the speeches of
Counsel. With six advocates engaged,
the expense will be very great, and a con-
servative estimate is that it will exceed
£10,000.

The reports published have been strictly
Bowdlerised; but the public has a keen
appetite for all that concerns Smart
Society, and a regrettable number of
nauseous details have become public prop-
erty. Here in Edinburgh, where we are
in close touch with the Courts, the gossip
has been of a particularly full-flavoured
character: the lawyers who frequent our
Parliament House do not allow us to miss
the least of the spiciness of the incidents.

THE BY-ELECTIONS.

Three by-elections are in progress in
Scotland—in Forfarshire, the Border
Burgles, and Central Glasgow. A fourth
is expected in South Edinburgh, where Mr
Dewar is generally looked upon as the
coming Solicitor-General, but the official
intimation of the appointment is not yet
made.

Forfarshire was the first to open, and
the issue here will be of a double character.
Mr. R. C. Blackburn, the Unionist, bases
his claims upon Tariff Reform; Mr. Fal-
coner, the Liberal, places his reliance
upon the cry of "Back to the Land." The
feature of the election is the amount of
heckling. Forfarshire possesses a
perfect genius for this form of electoral
practice. The subjects brought up are
of the most varied kind, and require
an encyclopaedic knowledge to answer
them properly. Not unexpectedly the
candidates must wish they had the Minis-
terial privilege in the House of Commons
of asking "for notice of that question."

An occasional gleam of humour brightens
the proceedings; but in the main the good
folks are too greatly in earnest; they take
politics too seriously in life, with
hard and grim earnestness.

In the Border Burgles, the issue is clear
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the above Club will be held
on FRIDAY, March 24th at 5.30 p.m. in
the Club Rooms for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Committee
together with a Statement of Accounts for
the year ending 31st December, 1904.
By Order, E. G. JORDAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 20, 1905.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

IT is hereby notified that on and after
this date the Selling Price of Ice will
be REDUCED TO HALF A CENT PER
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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG ICE CO., LTD.
Hongkong, March 11, 1905.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTEEN DRAWING OF SIXTY-
FIVE DEBENTURES of the Hon-
gkong Club (1888 issue, \$100 each) was held
at the Hongkong Club House on FRIDAY,
the 18th March, when the following Deben-
tures were drawn for Redemption:—

32	368	763	1180	1492
47	374	847	1210	1625
60	398	855	1218	1640
72	413	885	1240	1649
162	465	1019	1225	1657
112	573	1029	1243	1685
122	638	1140	1261	1683
167	684	1066	1280	1755
181	684	1087	1281	1826
193	685	1091	1291	1813
245	705	1059	1317	1827
254	721	1192	1316	1934
311	728	1164	1366	1953

and will be Payable at the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation on WED-
NESDAY, the 31st March 1905, in ex-
change for surrender of same.
By Order, JAMES CRAIK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 19, 1905.

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Hongkong, March 17, 1905.

THE YINGSHAN INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
of the above Company will be held at the
Company's Office, St. George's Building,
at Noon, on MONDAY, the 5th April,
1905, to receive a Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December, 1904, and
the Report of the General Manager and
Auditors, and to elect a Consulting Com-
mittee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 2nd day
of March to the 5th day of April, both days
inclusive.
J. WHEELER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, March 17, 1905.

THE YINGSHAN INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the above
Association will be held at the HEAD
OFFICE, No. 2, The Arcade, Shanghai,
on FRIDAY, the 16th April, 1905, at 4.30
o'clock p.m., for presentation of the
Report of the Directors and the Ac-
counts to the 31st December, 1904, the
election of Directors and Auditors for the
current year, and for the purpose of trans-
ferring the business which may be
transacted at an Ordinary General Meet-
ing.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Asso-
ciation will be CLOSED from the 2nd to
the 15th April, 1905, both days inclusive.
Members holding shares in the Asso-
ciation must deposit same with the
Secretary for registration, at least forty
eight hours before the Meeting.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. J. HARRISON,
Secretary.

Shanghai, March 17, 1905.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY
YEARLY MEETING of the Society will
be held at the Head Office, No. 2, Queen's
Building, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY,
the 21st April, 1905, at 4.30 o'clock p.m.,
for presentation of the Report of the Di-
rectors, together with the Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1904, and of
Auditors' Report.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society
will be CLOSED from the 11th April to
the 15th April, 1905, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. O. MONTAGU EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 21, 1905.

THE BACK DOOR

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Miscellaneous

Goods per Monmouthshire not cleared on
this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, March 22:-

10 a.m. - Military Gun Practice.

2.30 p.m. - Auction of China Bronzes,
Jude & Jurist, etc., at No. 13, Peel
Road (Upper Albany).5.45 p.m. - Meeting of Rowland Bowling
Green Club at the Club House.

9 p.m. - Boxing at City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, March 31:-

Buff Regiments Sports.

Goods per Forwards undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, April 1:-

Goods per Brigantia undelivered after
this date subject to rent.Goods per Gorden undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, April 2:-

Goods per Aecomia undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, April 3:-

11.30 a.m. - Meeting of Green Island
Cement Co., Ltd., at Messrs Sheehan,
Tomes & Co.'s Office.No. 4 - Meeting of China & Manila Steam
Ship Co., Ltd., at C.C.'s Office.

MONDAY, April 5:-

Noon - Meeting of China-Borneo Co.,
Ltd., at C.C.'s Office.

TUESDAY, April 6:-

2.15 p.m. - Meeting of His Majesty's
Justices of Peace at the Magistracy.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1909

PERSIA.

Russian newspapers are beginning to
show signs of impatience with the Shah
of PERSIA. For more than a year now
the condition of affairs in the northern
part of Persia, that portion which the
Anglo-Russian agreement has marked
out as the sphere of Russian influence,
has been nothing short of chaotic,
and the effect upon the ever
turbulent tribes in the Caucasus has
been very unsettling. The political
upheaval which followed the death of
the late Shah is responsible for all the
trouble. The old King-of-Kings and
Shah-in-Shah shortly before his death
had, under pressure from the newly
awakened political aspirations of his
people granted to his loyal subjects a
constitution, and when his son succe-ded to the Throne the nation made him
swear fidelity to his father's promises
in this matter. Under pressure of
circumstances, for his Throne was
anything but secure, he yielded a
reluctant assent and the first Persian
Parliament came into being. It was
quickly dissolved, however, blood being
shed and the Parliament buildings
fired on, for the Shah displayed in the
first week of its assembling a tendency
to revert to the autocratic system of his
predecessors and threatened to tear up
the newly devised Constitution. But
the National party had by this time
gathered so much strength that Great
Britain and Russia felt bound to advise
the Shah that the days of absolute
monarchy had vanished never to return
again, either in Persia or elsewhere.The Shah was sullen and for a time
refused to follow the advice tendered.
Meanwhile throughout the whole of the
northern provinces a wave of political
revolt swept with irresistible fury
and men and women prepared
to lay down their lives for the
principles of constitutional freedom
which they held dear. Much confusion
prevailed, many lives being lost, rioting
breaking out even in the streets of
Teheran itself. This called for the
intervention of the Russian Cossacks
originally sent into Persia as a Legion
guard. Still the Shah would not give
in and it was only when Great Britain
and Russia intimated that, unless he
granted the people proper representa-tive institutions and the right to
control the national finances something
dire in the way of pressure would
follow, that he consented to recon-sider the situation. But his heart was with the reactionaries
all the time.A high Russian official, discussing
the situation the other day with an
English journalist, said that "the
Governments of Great Britain and of
Russia are in perfect accord as to the
measures to be taken. There is no
possibility of ever restoring in Persia
the old rule of the Shah: absolute
monarchy, in Persia, as elsewhere, is
gone once and for ever. The only hope
of re-creating Persia as an orderly well-
governed State is the establishment of a
rational form of representative assembly
to control the administration and the
finances of the country. Persia is a
naturally rich country, and under good
rule would quickly find herself in a
healthy condition financially and
otherwise. Such a neighbour Russia
wants; she wants Persia to become a
steady market for certain of her produce;
she wants Persia to grow the cotton to
supply her textile industries, in a
measure, in place of that which has now
to be imported from America. The
success of the Persian Customs under
foreign control, in this case under the
management of a few Belgians, shows
the line that will best repay following
in the regeneration of Persia. The
Customs under the management of
some foreigners not only provide the
necessary interest on Persia's foreign
loans, but give the Shah practically
the only regular resources of his
Treasury. What the Persians require
is instruction in the arts of
government. Up to the present
day Persia has never had anything like
a Budget. There was once an order
issued to a Persian Minister to produce a
Budget, and the poor man, at his wits
end what to do, solved the problem by
presenting a list of the debts of the
State! Financial advisers, or rather
experts in ordinary bookkeeping, will
be required. At first these instructors
in the arts of government will neces-sarily be foreigners, whose task will be
to produce equivalent results to the
excellent reforms carried out by the
Department of Customs. But, of course,
these are details subordinate to the
main question, of the establishment in
Persia of a rational form of representa-
tive assembly."Of course neither Great Britain nor
Russia would dream of drawing up a
constitution for Persia. That would be
an unpardonable interference with the
internal affairs of the country, but there
is nothing to prevent them from advising
the Shah to grant such a Constitution
as shall give full representation to all
classes of his subjects—the land-owners,
the clergy, the merchants, and the
peasantry. The first parliament was
by no means a representative assembly
of the people of Persia—the next attempt
must be if the Shah desires to see
peace restored to his distracted
dominions. The technical assistance
required in reorganising the admini-
stration and finances of the coun-
try, would, it is now understood,
be provided, at the request of the Shah,
with the help of the Governments of
Russia and of Great Britain, and beyond
such purely technical assistance to the
Shah's reformed Government nothing
more is contemplated by either Power,
nor will it be needed. Persia, as a
Russian newspaper reminds us, is a rich
country suffering from bad manage-
ment. "With the establishment of a
rational form of representative assembly
the control of the nation, over the pre-
sent and past irregularities in all the
departments of Government will be
assured. With assistance in the tech-
nicalities of State economy Persia will
easily recover herself from the bad con-
ditions of the immemorial past and the
intolerable conditions of the present
state of anarchy." But the Shah is an
obstinate, ill-informed man and is in-
clined to take his own course. It will
be a bad day for him and for his people
if he pushes Russia to extremities. In-
cidentally Great Britain would much
prefer that such a calamity should be
avoided for it would lead to a re-
arrangement of the map of central Asia
with developments that might not tend
at all to her advantage let alone her
peace of mind.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"I never accept substitutes," said the
London City coroner. "If I did, I should
have a jury of office-boys and clerks."The Right Rev. C. H. Brent, D.D.,
Bishop of the Philippine Islands, will be
the preacher at St. John's Cathedral on
Sunday at 11 a.m.Reuter wires from Teheran that the
insurrectional movement is extending in
Laristan. Syed Hussein is threatening
Bandar-abbas and Lingah, where a state of
panic prevails.On Tuesday evening a bill will be
introduced at the Y. M. C. A. Parliament
to allow ladies to practice as barristers in
Hongkong. The public are cordially
invited to be present.Calcutta is in a bad way with its
small-pox epidemic. From January 4th
to February 20th there were 876 deaths,
which is the heaviest small-pox death re-
cord in Calcutta for 14 years.The Hon. Treasurer of the Alio
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to
acknowledge with thanks the following
donation to the funds of the Hospitals:-
Mrs W. Williams 10The Straits Times announces the ap-
pearance of a new paper in Singapore,
printed in the Japanese character solely.
The name, translated into English, is the
Southern News. Those who have it in
charge are experienced journalists, educa-
ted in English as well as in Japanese. The
Japanese have become sufficiently numerous
in Singapore to justify the starting of a
weekly paper locally. There are now
30,000 Japanese in the territory which
looks to Singapore as its base, one-tenth of
whom are in Singapore itself. The increase
since the Japanese-Russian War days has
been over 100 per cent.The death is announced of Earl
Egerton of Tatton. The late Earl was
born in 1832, and was the eldest son of the
1st Baron. He was for some time in the
House of Commons, took a great interest
in education, served on various Royal
Commissions, and was Chairman of the
Manchester Ship Canal Company. Agri-
culture claimed much of his attention, and
he wrote powerfully on the urgent necessity
of improving the national supply of horses
for military purposes. Art and letters had
a share of his attention also, and he was
deservedly regarded as one of the most
broadly cultured and most public-spirited
of the English nobility. He was created
Earl in 1897. The deceased peer is suc-
ceeded by his brother, Allan De Tatton,
who was born in 1845.During the debate on the Army esti-
mates Mr. Rutherford moved a reduction of
ten thousand men. He said that a saving
on the estimates had only been effected by
robbing crania of 200,000,000,000,000,000
India protested most strongly. Mr. Adair,
Financial Secretary to the War Office, re-
pudiated the suggestion that the Govern-
ment was not acting honourably. He said
that it was a perfectly friendly settlement
between the two Secretaries of State. Mr.
Egerton said that the Roman Commission
showed that India was under-paying about
half a million a year. It was, however, felt
that it would not be right to exact the
whole pound of flesh, and an agreement
was arranged by which they accepted
£200,000 less than they were entitled to,
because they thought that they ought to
do something for India.Says the Times of Ceylon:-The matter
of restriction in the opium trade is forced
upon the British Colony which is the door
of China by the mother country for inter-
national reasons and in response to agitation
in England. It is fitting, therefore, that the
Home taxpayer should contribute towards
the cost of a bad over which he is victimised
through his own ignorance. It does not
follow that he will be called upon to pay
all he ought to pay—the Colony's finances
will probably be seriously crippled, for
some time to come, and the education vote
for Hongkong mission schools may have
to be heavily reduced in consequence.
Some of the taxpayers in the old country
however, stand to get their money back.
The Scotch whisky distillers will do a
roaring trade with the Far East in a few
years!An action arising out of the accident
due to fog on the Great Northern Railway,
near Finsbury Park, in November, 1907,
has been decided by Mr. Justice Darling
and a special jury. Plaintiff was Frederick
Thomas Daniel, formerly a steward in the
P. and O. Company. The defence was a
denial that plaintiff suffered injury from
the accident, and a plea that Daniel's
present spine trouble was due to inherent
nervous trouble. One witness called was
a former steward in the P. and O. Com-
pany, who said that as a first-class steward,
he had received as much as £40 in tips on
a single voyage in addition to his wages of
£3 per month. On other occasions when
he served as second-class steward he made
as little as £15, and at others £20, £30,
£40, and even £50 extra in the year. His
record was £24 in tips on two voyages.
The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff,
awarding him £2,000 damages, and his
lordship gave judgment accordingly.CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA
AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY.THIS medicine is well known for its
promptness, ease of bowels, complaint,
which is always more or less prevalent at
this season of the year. An attack of
diarrhoea is liable to come on without
warning, and it is a battle of Chamberlain's
Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in
keeps in the house all day, of so long as
it may be avoided. For sale by all chemi-
cists and druggists.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Two British sailors were charged at the
Magistracy to-day with committing an act
of gross indecency.Mr. Gardner said he appeared for the
first defendant for whom he asked bail.
He had over nine years' service to his
credit.The case was remanded until Monday
afternoon, Mr. J. H. Kempfing bail at
£100 each.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

Two boatmen and three boatwomen were
fined \$8 each, at the Marine Court, to-day,
for being in Causeway Bay without per-
mission.A bar boy was charged at the Magis-
tracy to-day, with stealing 11 bottles of
beer from the Royal Navy Anteen. The
case was remanded.Two Chinese constables were each
sentenced by Mr. J. R. Wood, at the
Magistracy to-day, to fourteen days' hard
labour for assaulting a constable.Two natives were charged at the Magis-
tracy to-day, with assaulting a copper
smith and with obstructing P. C. Taylor
in the execution of his duty. One was
sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and
the other to six months and three hours'
stocks.The master of the private steam launch
Heron was fined \$10, by Commander Basil
Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Court, to-day,
for failing to observe the rules of the road,
by running into a sampan engaged by
Lieut. Heathcote, of H. M. S. Janus, close
to the wooden jetty at Kowloon.A charge of stealing one case of Listerine,
valued \$25, was preferred against a native
to-day, at the Magistracy. Messrs A. S.
Watson and Co. being the prosecutors. Mr.
J. R. Wood did not think the evidence
sufficiently conclusive to convict, and de-
fendant was accordingly discharged.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. A. C. E. Elborough of Bangkok has
been appointed to the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank at Hongkong, and will
shortly take up his new duties.Evidently the Singapore Free Press have
got a trifle mixed in their facts, accord-
ing to the following:-The Hon. Mr. W.
Rees Davies, K.C., Attorney-General,
Hongkong, was a passenger homewards by
the German mail. It is understood that
Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., will be appointed
Acting Attorney-General, until the
return of Mr. F. A. Haselund, second
Police Magistrate, who is at present on
leave. On Mr. Haselund's return, it is
probable that Mr. Rees Davies will be
appointed Puisne Judge, and Mr. H. E. J. Gompertz
will perform the duties of Acting Attorney-
General.The South China Morning Post kindly
sent us a copy of the Souvenir Number
which our contemporary has issued in
honour of the visit of the Third Pacific
Squadron U. S. Fleet to Hongkong. It
contains portraits of Sir Frederick and Lady
Lugard, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. T. F. Hoogh
and many views of public buildings in
Hongkong. The half-tones plates are not
uniformly good.Upon the conclusion of his remarks,
a clergyman apologised for having only
preached ten minutes, an unusual thing for
him, thus: "I regret to inform you
brethren, that my dog, who appears to be
peculiarly fond of paper, this morning ate
that portion of my sermon which I have
not delivered. Let us pray."

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LONDON, March 25.

Replying to criticisms as to why His
Majesty has not been accompanied on
foreign visits by the Foreign Secretary,
Sir Edward Grey, in the House of
Commons, said the King's special gift
of conveying our goodwill to the
countries visited was a great national
asset—the value of which would be
impaired if made the occasion of official
diplomatic wrangle.

THE BALKANS TROUBLE.

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LONDON, March 25.

Notwithstanding the fact that British
mediation at Vienna has hitherto proved
unsuccessful, our papers continue, but
the situation is growing distinctly worse.RUSSIA ALLOWS
JAPANESE CLAIM.

THE TETARTOS CASE.

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LONDON, March 25.

The St. Petersburg Supreme Prize
Court has decided that the Japanese
Hokkaido Tanko Tetsudo Kaisha is
entitled to compensation not exceeding
\$9,000 roubles in connection with the
sinking of the steamer Tetartos in
1905.

GERMAN FINANCES.

BREAK DOWN OF THE "BLOC"

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LONDON, March 25.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent tele-
graphs that the internal situation in
Germany has suddenly become the
subject of the hour. Prince von
Buelow's party in the Reichstag, the
Bismarckian party, has been over-
thrown. There is talk of Count Wedel
replacing Prince von Buelow as
Chancellor.

CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

H. E. Viceroy Chang will pay an official
visit to the railway works on the Chinese
section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway
on April 7th, when he will take occasion
to lay the foundation stone for the great
office and station building at Tai Sha. In-
vitations to the lunch which will follow
the event have been issued by the
Managing Director and the Engineer-in-Chief
a large number of gentlemen.

PASSION PLAY.

On Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. it
will be exhibited at the Alexandra C
cinematograph the wonderful series of color
pictures illustrating the Birth and Life
of Christ, which are so popular the w
over. This is a children's matinee,
parents and guardians should not miss
opportunity of giving the little ones
interesting and most instructive entertain-
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ous, feverish, or bilious headache c
surely and quickly. All chemists s
not try it!

TRADE MARK INFRINGEMENT.

CIGARETTE COMPANY FINED AT SHANGHAI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, March 26.

The British Cigarette Company was fined £10 for selling "Autocrat" cigarettes made at Foochow, but marked as made in America.

NEW NAVAL STATIONS.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 25.

Prince Su and Teh Liang, after several conferences, have decided that the Chinese naval stations shall be Taku and Chefoo.

TIENTSIN'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 25.

The Diplomatic Corps has informed the Board of Foreign Affairs that 35 Chinese firms in Tientsin have contracted debts to foreign firms to the amount of 14 million taels, and has asked whether the Chinese Government cannot guarantee repayment. Viceroy Yang Shi-kai, of Chihli, has been consulted concerning this question.

THE STATE FUNERAL.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 25.

The Russian Embassy to the funeral of the late Emperor has arrived in Peking. The State funeral will be attended by sixteen Emperors from various countries.

ANOTHER LONG WANTED REFORM.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 25.

The Government has issued directions to all Metropolitan Boards and all Provincial authorities that officials discharging the duties of more than one office are only to draw the pay of their substantive appointment.

CHARGE AGA NST POST OFFICE CLERK.

The youth William Nuttall, formerly employed as clerk in the Registration Department of the Hongkong Post Office, was again brought before Mr. J. H. Kemp as the Magistrate today on a charge of fraudulently removing postage stamps from nine parcels.

Mr. Bowley prosecuted and Mr. Goldring defended. Mr. Martin, superintendent of the Registration Department, again gave evidence. Replying to Mr. Goldring he stated that on such days as that on which the offence was alleged to have been committed the Post Office staff was extremely busy and they had as much as they could do to get the work done in time. At least 90 per cent of the employees in the Parcel Department were Portuguese. On the day the discovery was made there would be a full staff working in the department, and the room in which the Australian safe was would be quite easy of access by all. There were more than the six insufficiently stamped parcels in the safe; about 20 altogether.

After further evidence, the case was again adjourned.

THE SITUATION IN HARBIN.

As the friends of China, and to save that empire from being imposed upon by Russia, the United States is, says the *New York Herald*, closely watching Russian administrative affairs in Harbin, Northern Manchuria. This government is being kept company in this matter by Great Britain.

Harbin has a population of 40,000, mostly Russians. Harbin is in Chinese territory, but by a lease from the Chinese government to the China Eastern Railway, owned by Russia, certain political functions were given to the director general of the Russian railway at Harbin. These political and governmental functions are the ones being watched by the United States and Great Britain in China's interest.

Because of the large interests of the Russian government in Harbin, the United States is willing that the director general shall assume whatever political functions are necessary to maintain order, but is opposed to any action which will be in contravention of Chinese treaty rights. In pursuance of this policy, Mr. Fred D. Fisher, the United States Consul at Harbin last winter, was directed to withhold the proposed by the director general until the latter would agree to admit that the proposed ordinance would not be cited as a precedent for future action by Russia in other parts of Manchuria.

The office matter has come up for consideration recently by the State Department.

"WELCOME AMERICA."

The Military Tattoo.

A pretty compliment was paid the visiting American fleet on Thursday evening when that fine old British Regiment, The Buffs, gave a torchlight tattoo on the ground of the Hongkong Cricket Club. Four hundred men took part under the direction of Regimental Sergeant Major Barton, and went through a series of evolutions which culminated in the words "Welcome America." Then the lines broke again and a representation of the American flag was evolved, the stars being represented by coloured Roman candles, the stripes consisting of short rows of lantern-bearing men. "The Star-spangled Banner" and "God save the King" were played by the Band during this evolution then "Lights Out" rang from the bugles and the pretty diversion was at an end. Large crowds witnessed the spectacle from all sides of the square, while the verandahs of the Hongkong Club were filled to their fullest capacity by members and their lady friends. A dance and supper followed at the Club, when the Band of the Buffs, under Bandmaster Hewitt, rendered the following programme:—

Value..... "Luna"..... Linche
Two Step..... "Venus on Earth"..... Linche
Two Step..... "Batus on Parade"..... Mills
Value..... "Gold and Silver"..... Lehar
Two Step..... "Whistling Rufus"..... Lehar
Value..... "Estudiantina"..... Waldteufel
Two Step..... "Kuhnin Kadris"..... Rubens
Value..... "La Gitana"..... Royle
Two Step..... "The Gipsy's Parade"..... Dupont
Value..... "Phis Cor"..... Waldteufel
Two Step..... "Lystrata"..... Linche
Two Step..... "Pette Tonkinoise"..... Scott
GOD SAVE THE KING.

Dancing was kept up till a late hour. H.E. the Governor was present and a very large number of American naval officers, besides a numerous contingent from the British squadron and officers of the garrison.

Reception on the U.S.S. Charleston.

This afternoon Admiral G. B. Harber and Officers of the visiting American Pacific Squadron held a reception on the flagship Charleston. The weather being delightfully fine, a large number of guests responded to the invitations, and a happy time was spent on board by those who were privileged to enjoy the American hospitality and to inspect the fine cruiser which heads the Squadron.

Yesterday's Sports.

The results of the four events in yesterday's sports which were contested after we had gone to press were:—

Final 100 Yards..... 1
Crowley, (Tamar)..... 1
Shipwright Way, (Ring Alford)..... 2
Champion, (Buffs)..... 3

Obstacle Race..... 1
Favett, (Buffs)..... 1
Taylor, (Buffs)..... 2
Williams, (R.G.A.)..... 3

Richest Race, pairs of different nationality..... 1
Pascall, (Monmouth) and Shurmann, (Galveston)..... 1
Mills, (Buffs) and Kent, (Denver)..... 2
Brans, (Buffs) and Oakley, (Chattanooga)..... 3

Sack Race..... 1
Private Marsh, (Buffs)..... 1
Langshaw, (Merlin)..... 2
Beramp, (Buffs)..... 3

At the conclusion of the programme the awards were distributed by Lady Erskine. A big crowd assembled in front of the Grand Stand to witness the ceremony, and as the successful competitors came forward they each received their quota of applause.

In addition to Lady Erskine there were present Mrs. Tweedie, Major General Broadwood, Colonel Bayard, Capt. Baird, Mr. T. F. Hough, and others. The ceremony over, Mr. Hough called for cheers for Lady Erskine which were vociferously given, a "tiger" being added. The band of the 13th Regiment then struck up "The Star Spangled Banner," following this with the British National Anthem.

REVIEW.

The *Fertilization of Tea*, by GEORGE A. Lyle, M.A., B.Sc. London, Tropical Life Ltd.

This book deals exhaustively with the question of the cultivation of tea on modern lines, (principally in Ceylon) the methods advocated being based on an extended series of experiments carried out by leading authorities who have long been recognized by tropical experts as fully competent to form trustworthy opinions as to what the tea-producing world requires to increase its tea income and the information given should certainly help any planter in his struggles with Nature, and an equal footing with his strongest rival.

No detail is missing so far as the care and cultivation of the plant are concerned. After an opening chapter on the tea-plant, and explaining generally, the questions of securing good crops are carefully considered. Green manuring has a prominent notice, and is followed by a chapter on artificial and chemical manures, and another at the same time on the most effective and economical methods of applying this useful adjunct to the daily meal of the tea-planter, which is drawn from the soil to such an extent that no planter can afford to pass over the matter of replenishing the rapidly exhausted supplies as quickly as they are absorbed by the plant and removed in the leaves that form the crop. Unlike cacao, a tea-crop returns nothing to the soil, and is picked in lost for ever, and the end of the book treats of the many experiments that have been made to enable Mr. Cowie, the author of the book, and his fellow experts to ascertain the very best output of tea as possible. Each method of fertilization is brought forward, and discussed; the various experiments to ascertain their respective merits are then given, and finally the book winds up with a chapter on fertilizing mixtures that should enable every planter to know how to obtain the best results from his tea, and to find at least one mixture that will bring about the desired result.

A CASE FROM KATON.

Still another case that came under my immediate notice was that of a young fellow from Katon who now holds a small Government appointment in a public institution in the Straits Settlements. Three or four years ago he was as bright and port as a young man, and could meet in a day's journey—jolly as any

and always ready for a frolic out-of-doors. But from the very nature of his work he was thrown into constant contact with older men and seeking to emulate the ways of these, he daily familiarized who looked upon the opium pipe as only a passing indulgence of the moment, he fell a victim to the drug which now obsessed him whole existence. He-day he is an old young man, feeble in body and apathetic as to intellect, happy only in the completion of his daily labour because it brings him once more within reach of his pipe. Such are most of the cases of opium abuse which have come under my observation. On the whole, I have been led to conclude that in the moderate use of opium there is less evil than in dam-drinking and to think with the old Chinese Road comedians who told me he never entered upon a business deal without the prelude of a pipe "to soothe the temper and sharpen the wits."

THE CHINESE OPIUM SMOKER.

A Few Types.

To judge from the amount of impassioned anti-opium outpourings which of late have found their way into the Press at Home, it would appear that a distinct demand exists there for that class of thing. A few of these articles contain a modicum of truth, most of them succeed only in being vitriolic and absurd. The other day I was drawing the attention of an old China hand to one particularly harrowing bit of writing in an English paper, and ventured to ask him how many "opium fiends," so-called, he had known in the course of his many years' experience.

"Well, I don't know anything about 'opium fiends,'" he replied, "but among the many opium smokers I have met there have been perhaps as many as you could count on the fingers of both hands who might be described as inveterately heavy smokers; perhaps the word in this respect was my own old throw—one of the smartest business men I ever came across."

These words so coincided with the fact which had come under my own observation that unconsciously I began to run over in memory the opium "inveterates" with whom circumstances had brought me into contact, and although my experience among the Chinese has not been of such scope as that of my friend the old China hand, I found that in comparison with our respective terms of residence amidst the Yellow Race our figures practically coincided. Regular moderate smokers I have known by hundreds, but of the types styled for convenience the "inveterates" I cannot recall more than four or five.

OPIUM-CUR-FANTAS.

The first case which specially claimed my attention was that of a young Chinese whom I met in the course of a week's pleasant sojourn on the Honan side in Canton some years ago. He was altogether a unique case. When still in his teens and engaged in a junior capacity in a mercantile house, he had the good (or ill) fortune to win a big prize in the Hankow lottery, and like a sensible youth he lost no time in investing his gains in various business projects in such a way as to preclude the need for him to do any more work for the rest of his natural life. One might say that his easily gotten riches proved rather a curse than a blessing, for in the plenitude of his means the young man indulged to the top of his bent in pursuit of the transitory pleasures and excitement of the gambling tables, and this again led to too frequent recourse to the opium pipe. He was a tall, gentlemanly fellow with handsome aquiline features, but whereas he had at one time been robust and muscular in physique he was now but a shadow of his former self, with hands and wrists fragile, delicate and almost transparent, like those of an anemic girl. Of the faintest table, as of the opium pipe, he was a regular devotee, but although he was a lucky gambler and one generally was safe in following his lead, there was little pleasure in being his companion at such times, for his whole body was in a constant tremble and an shaky were his hands, that he could hardly lift his winnings from the board. When it came to meals, he was a poor hand with the chopsticks and instead of disposing of three or four bowls of rice at a sitting as he had been able to do once upon a time he was now content to peck at one, with little apparent relish. Yet it would be seemed to be quite happy and took an intelligent interest in European politics.

"ANTI-OPIMUM" FIELDS.

Another young Chinese, whom I had the pleasure of being acquainted with in Hongkong, had acquired the opium habit while at school and had been addicted to it for over two years before the womenfolk of his family found it out. At their urgent entreaties, he swore off it as of the drug and delighted the hearts of his female kin by voluntarily commencing on a course of curative treatment in the form of anti-opium pills. It so happened that I accompanied the young fellow on a short tour in Kwangtung Province while this treatment was in progress. At the houses of various Chinese friends upon whom we called the opium pipe was produced as a matter of course and I noticed that my companion was almost abstinence in his use of it. When I took occasion later, however, to congratulate him on the success with which he was overcoming his addiction to heavy smoking, he naively informed me that he had no need for the pipe now as the pills he was taking to please his people were almost pure opium. This young man was a brilliant talker, very well informed on Western subjects, and a sound patriot, though not of the Reform Party. He had since then done to throw off the drug habit and was then looking forward to a European trip to assist in freeing him from its thrall.

OPIUM IN THE TEA MINES.

At the Malayan tin mines when times are prosperous and wages high the Chinese coolie as a rule spends relatively as much on opium as the average Englishman does on beer. The heavy inveterate smoker is here encountered. But if so happened that Fate threw me up against such a rare case, in the person of an old Perak mine-master who was the only English-speaking "Company." He smoked morning, noon, and night, and must have pulled away a considerable number of dollars during the three or four days I travelled along with him. A servant in his attendance spent most of his time keeping the smoking paraphernalia clean and orderly. The old gentleman I found to be a bright and vivacious companion on the road, well versed in matters of general interest, and his features were unusually cheerful and animated. His body was woefully thin, I do not think he weighed much more than 80 lbs., and his appetite for solid food appeared to be pretty near at the vanishing point. His diet consisted of tea, tinned fruit, soaked biscuits and white rice.

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SPORTING.

League Cricket.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY.
Hongkong "B" v. Civil Service.
Hongkong "A" v. R.E.
Craignower v. Police.

C.S.O.C. v. HONGKONG "B."
The following will represent Civil Service on H.K. Clubground at 3 p.m., on Saturday next:—R. O. Hutchinson, (Captain) F. E. Reach, R. E. O. Bird, L. E. Brett, H. Ellis, J. McKewen, H. R. Phillips, A. G. Pils, A. R. F. Raven, A. R. Sutcliffe, F. Sutton. Reserves:—A. M. Thornhill, E. W. Dawson, J. Mackay.

The Hongkong "B" team will be represented by the following players:—H. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, Comdr. F. O. Lewis, R. N. Comdr. F. H. Walter, R. N., Capt. H. E. Baird, S. Moore, W. E. L. Shenton, A. O. Lang, H. D. Sharplin, Capt. J. A. Murray, A. O. D. and A. N. Othor.

CHALLENGE MATCH v. POLICE.

This league match will take place on Saturday commencing at 2 p.m., on the ground of the former Club. Craignower team:—G. A. Hancock, (Capt.) A. O. Brown, H. L. Manderson, W. H. Vivesh, R. Pestonji, A. Osman, J. D. Norris, S. B. Bativara, L. A. Rose, P. Currie and M. E. Asger.

HONGKONG "A" v. R.E.

The following have been selected to represent the "A" team in the above match to-morrow afternoon, at Happy Valley, commencing at 2.15 p.m.:—R. B. Makin, E. A. Fowler, E. C. Oliver, R. N., A. P. Dashedwood, Flag Lt. H. R. Mulleneux, R. N., J. Hall, Lt. D. K. Anderson, R. B. W. Maudsall, R. W. Wayethouse, R. H. R. Wells and A. N. Othor.

League Table.

The following is the table up to date:—

Club	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Per cent.
Hongkong "B"	11	1	0	22	83.33%
Civil Service	11	1	0	22	83.33%
Hongkong "A"	12	6	2	26	50.00%
Telegraphists	14	4	2	30	33.33%
Craignower	14	3	6	30	33.33%
Police	12	2	2	26	40.00%
Kowloon	12	2	2	26	33.33%
H.K. Police	13	2	2	28	66.67%
Royal Engineers	11	8	2	22	77.77%

League Football.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY.
Gusway Bay, 3 p.m.—B.O.C. v. Buffs.
Referee, Sappor High.

Gusway Bay, 4.30 p.m.—Lutano v. R.G.A. Referee, Sgt. Walsh.

Military ground, 2.30 p.m.—Y.M.C.A. v. R.A.M.C. Referee, Gunner Marsh.

Naval ground, 2.45 p.m.—Naval Yard v. R.E. Referee, Corp Edwards.

Y.M.C.A. v. R.A.M.C.

At Happy Valley on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. the following will play for the Y.M.C.A.—Atkins, goal; Vivesh, Van Ginkel, backs; Hunter, Wharton, Haynes, half-backs; Weast, Wilson, Kelly, Herliet, Bishop, forwards.

Lawn Tennis.

We append further results in connection with the Hongkong Cricket Club's lawn tennis tournament now in progress:—

Singles Handicap, "A" Class.—First round: Lieut. Byne, (over 15½) best Lieut. Wedd (received 1/6) 6/4, 6/3. R. R. Turner (scratch) best H. W. Slade (over 5/8) 3/2. M. E. Harris (over 15/8) best P. B. Kinnear (over 15/5) 6/4, 4/8, 3/1.

Singles Handicap, "B" Class.—First round: G. N. Orms (over 4/6) best E. C. Oliver (scratch) 7/5, 8/6. Capt. Garnett (over 3/8) best E. Sayer (over 1/4) 6/3, 4/8, 6/4.

Doubles Handicap, "A" Class.—First round: J. R. Wood and B. E. O. Bird (scratch) best Capt. Collingwood and W. A. Dowley (scratch) 6/3, 3/6. Second round: J. A. Jupp and D. E. Clark (over 4/8) best Comdr. Walter and R. St. J. Young (over 16/3) 6/2, 6/3.

Doubles Handicap, "B" Class.—First round: Lieut. Thompson and Lieut. Bagnall (over 4/6) best A. Timpersley and L. F. Campbell (over 3/2) 6/2, 7/6. W. King and W. H. Purcell (over 4/8) best Capt. King and Lieut. Perry (over 15/4) 4/4, 6/5. Lieut. Anderson and Lieut. Wood (over 4/8) best F. Benington and R. D. Atkinson (over 5/8) 5/1, 6/1.

Professional Fairs.—First Round: Comdr. Walter and Comdr. Lewis best J. A. Jupp and D. E. Clark 6/3, 7/6. Capt. Brisley and Lieut. Whyte v. R. B. Beattie and F. O. Day.

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1907 Account.—After payment of the interim dividend of £30 per share and the bonus of 20 per cent to contributors passed at the last annual meeting there remains a balance of £880,128.17. The Board recommends that this sum be appropriated as follows:—A final dividend to shareholders of £17 per share on 12,400 shares, £210,800.00; to be carried forward to undervinding suspense account to close the account for the year 1907, £469,328.17—£680,128.17.

1908 Account.—The balance of working account on the 31st December 1908 was £2,464,801.61. The Board recommends that an interim dividend of £30 per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing £723,000, and that a bonus of 50 per cent be paid to contributors, absorbing about £250,000, and that the remainder be carried forward.

Directors.—Since the last general meeting Mr. J. A. Plummer has resigned his seat and Mr. A. Forbes of Messrs Bradley & Co. has joined the Board. In accordance with clause 88 of the Articles of Association Mr. C. R. Loosman and Mr. W. Holmes retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

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